

Chambers of Circuit Judge Carolyn Dineen King
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Carolyn Dineen King
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1938
Education: Smith 1959 AB; Yale 1962 LLB
Began Service: July 13, 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Independent

Affiliation: Councilor, Council, The American Law Institute
Judicial: Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1999-2006); Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (1999-2006); Member, Executive Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States (2000-2005); Chairman, Executive Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States (2002-2005)

Legal Practice: Associate, Fulbright & Jaworski (1962-1972); Partner, Childs, Fortenbach, Beck & Guyton (1972-1978); Partner, Sullivan, Bailey, King, Randall & Sabom (1978-1979)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Staff
Law Clerk **Heather Finstuen** (713) 250-5753
Began Service: August 2006
Education: Occidental 1990 BA; Illinois 1995 MA; Oklahoma 2006 JD
Law Clerk **Marc Hearron** (713) 250-5753
Began Service: September 5, 2006
Education: Oral Roberts 1998 BS; Southern Methodist 2005 JD
Law Clerk **Paula Moore** (713) 250-5753
Began Service: August 21, 2006
Education: Texas Tech 2003 BS, 2006 MS, 2006 JD
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E. Grady Jolly
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1937
Education: Mississippi 1959 BA, 1962 LLB
Began Service: August 2, 1982
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Trial Attorney, National Labor Relations Board (1962-1964); Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Mississippi, United States Department of Justice (1964-1967); Trial Attorney, Tax Division, United States Department of Justice (1967-1969)

Legal Practice: Partner, Jolly, Miller & Milam (1969-1982)

Chambers of Circuit Judge W. Eugene Davis
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W. Eugene Davis
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Tulane 1960 JD
Began Service: 1983
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1976-1983)

Legal Practice: Associate, Phelps, Dunbar, Marks, Clavier & Sims (1960-1964); Associate then Partner, Caffery, Duhe & Davis (1964-1976)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States

Staff
Law Clerk **Alison Brumley** (337) 593-5290
Education: Chicago 1991 JD
Secretary **Linda Henshaw** (337) 593-5280
Education: LSU 1971 BS

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Jerry E. Smith
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: January 7, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Halbert O. Woodward, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1972-1973)

Government: Chairman, Houston Civil Service Commission (1982-1984); City Attorney, City of Houston, Texas (1984-1988)

Legal Practice: Fulbright & Jaworski (1973-1984)

Nonprofit: Member, Board of Directors, Harris County Housing Authority (1978-1980)

Current Memberships: Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Staff
Law Clerk **Jason Burge** (713) 250-5101
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Law Clerk **Joseph Cascio** (713) 250-5101
Education: Chicago 2006 JD
Law Clerk **Matt Cooper** (713) 250-5101
Education: Harvard 2006 JD
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Education: Utah 2006 JD
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Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Tulane 1956 BA, 1961 JD
Began Service: May 25, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Legal Practice: Partner, Wiener, Weiss & Madison (and predecessor firms) (1961-1990)

Military Service: United States Navy (1956-1958)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; The American Law Institute; The International Academy of Estate and Trust Law; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

Staff
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Rhesa H. Barksdale
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: West Point 1966 BS; Mississippi 1972 JD
Began Service: April 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Akron (1969-1970); Instructor, University of Mississippi School of Law (1975-1976); Instructor, Mississippi College School of Law (1976)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Byron R. White, Supreme Court of the United States (1972-1973)

Legal Practice: Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (1973-1990)

Military Service: United States Army (1966-1970)

Staff
Secretary **Sharon M. Kramer** (601) 965-5840

Chambers of Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza
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Emilio M. Garza
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Notre Dame 1969 BA, 1970 MA; Texas 1976 JD
Began Service: June 7, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court, 225th Judicial District (1987-1988); Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1988-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Clemens, Spencer, Welmaker & Finck (1976-1987)

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1970-1973); United States Marine Corps Reserve (1973-1979)

Chambers of Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza continued
Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

Chambers of Circuit Judge Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.
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Harold R. DeMoss, Jr.
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Rice 1952 BA; Texas 1955 LLB
Began Service: December 13, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Corporate: Director, Panama Canal Company (1976-1977); Legal Services Corporation (1982-1983)

Government: Member of the Council, Administrative Conference of the United States (1990-1991)

Legal Practice: Associate, Bracewell, Patterson & Patterson (1957-1961); Partner, Bracewell & Patterson (1961-1991)

Military Service: United States Army (1955-1957)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Houston Bar Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; State Bar of Texas

Staff
Judicial Assistant **Miriam E. Kovan** (713) 250-5462
Secretary **Sharon G. Hicks** (713) 250-5462

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Fortunato P. Benavides
Circuit Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Houston 1968 BBA, 1972 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Commissioner, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (1983-1989)

Judicial: Judge, Hidalgo County Court at Law No. 2 (1977-1979); Judge, Texas District Court, 92nd Judicial District (1981-1984); Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, 13th District (1984-1991); Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1991-1992)

Legal Practice: Rankin, Kern & Martinez (1972-1974); Partner, Cisneros & Benavides (and predecessor firms) (1974-1980); Sole Practitioner, Law Offices of Fortunato P. Benavides (1980-1981); Associate, Atlas & Hall (1993-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Hidalgo County Bar Association; Hispanic National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Education: Kentucky 1989 JD
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